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SUBJECT: CONVERSATION WITH ISRAELI PERM REP -
UNESCO

1. GOI DEPUTY PERM REP, MEIR JOFFE, WHO IS IN FACT
ACTING PERM REP, AS ELIEZER YAPOU IS IN PROCESS OF RE-
TIRING, PAID CALL ON US DEL TO DISCUSS UNESCO PROBLEMS
IN WAKE OF GENERAL CONFERENCE. JOFFE SAID THAT GOI
REACTION TO CONFERENCE WAS MORE POSITIVE NOW THAN
EVIDENCED BY GOI DELEGATION IN NAIROBI. HE SAID GOI
INTENDED TO PARTICIPATE FULLY IN ALL MEETINGS OF
EUROPEAN REGIONAL GROUP AND THAT THEY DID NOT WISH TO
FURTHER ISOLATE THEMSELVES IN UNESCO.

2. HOWEVER, ON OCCUPIED TERRITORIES, JOFFE SAID HE
DOUBTED GOI WOULD BE WILLING TO RECEIVE UNESCO TEAM.
IN ADDITION TO REACTION AGAINST GENERAL CONFERENCE
RESOLUTION, PRESENT UNSETTLED CONDITIONS IN TERRI-
TORIES MAKE IT UNLIKELY THAT A MISSION COULD BE RE-
CEIVED. IN RESPONSE, PERM REP URGED GOI TAKE POSITIVE
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ATTITUDE TOWARD ANY UNESCO COMMUNICATION ON THE SUBJECT
AND NOT GIVE A FLATLY NEGATIVE ANSWER. WE INDICATED
THAT UNLESS THERE IS SOME FORWARD MOVEMENT THE
OCCUPIED TERRITORIES ISSUE MAY COME UP AT THE SPRING
EXBD AND WE WOULD ONCE AGAIN BE FACED WITH FIGHTING A
PUNITIVE RESOLUTION. WE URGED THAT GOI KEEP THE

DOOR OPEN TO RECEIVING A UNESCO TEAM AS SOON AS CONDITIONS WOULD PERMIT.

3. JOFFE ALSO QUIERED WHETHER IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE FOR THE EXBD TO CONSIDER TAKING ACTION LIFTING THE SANCTIONS ON JERUSALEM NOW THE EXCAVATIONS WERE BEING HALTED. WE STATED THAT WE WERE NOT SURE WHETHER THE EXBD COULD ACT, AND IN ANY CASE, THE SPRING BOARD BEING A NEW AND UNTESTED GROUP, WOULD NOT BE A GOOD PLACE TO START. IF ANY POSITIVE ACTION WERE POSSIBLE, THE SEPTEMBER BOARD MEETING WOULD CERTAINLY BE PREFERABLE.

4. WE THEN DISCUSSED THE POSSIBILITY OF AN EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL CONFERENCE, IF NEITHER THE US NOR GOI PAY THEIR CONTRIBUTIONS. JOFFE SEEMED SOMEWHAT SURPRISED TO THINK THAT AN EXTRAORDINARY SESSION WOULD BE LIKELY IF CONTRIBUTIONS WERE NOT PAID. THE PROSPECT OF SUCH A SESSION, WHICH WOULD INEVITABLY FOCUS ON ISRAEL AND COULD LEAD TO UNPREDICTABLE CONSEQUENCES WAS NOT A PLEASANT PROSPECT. JOFFE SAID HE WOULD BE COMMUNICATING WITH HIS GOVERNMENT TO MAKE THEM AWARE OF WHAT MIGHT BE IN STORE.

5. JOFFE CONCLUDED BY ASKING THE STATUS OF OUR CONTRIBUTION AND WE TOLD HIM NOTHING DEFINITE HAD YET BEEN DECIDED, BUT WE WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT SOME PROGRESS WOULD BE MADE TOWARD RESTORATION. WE AGREED TO STAY IN CLOSE TOUCH.

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